

NEW LANDMARK FOR OLD . . . This new structure will replace the old St. James Catholic Church at the corner of Vincent and Pacific Coast Hwy., Redondo Beach. Plans are being made to build the new structure soon, according to the Rev. J. A. O'Gorman.

Old Landmark Will Disappear

One of the oldest landmarks in the South Bay area will disappear from the horizon soon.

St. James Catholic Church, located at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Vincent St. in Redondo Beach, for many years a familiar sight to Redondo Beach citizens and visitors, will be torn down to make room for the new St. James Church which will be built on the same spot.

Rev. James Augustine O'Gorman, former Army Air Corps chaplain, pastor of St. James, requested all parishioners to rally to the cause of progress in the construction of the new church. The immediate need for more space has prompted the building of the new edifice which has been designed by Comeau and Brooks, A.I.A., architects, with offices in Encino.

From 50 to 1500

In 1914, there were only 50 families when the present brick structure was erected. The parish which included all Catholics as far away as Santa Monica and Inglewood 43 years ago, now consists of 1500 families from Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, and west Torrance.

The new church, of brick and steel, will be predominantly contemporary in style. It will be 168 feet long, and 92 feet wide at the transept, with seating capacity of more than 1000. It features the latest in modern church structures with a blend of the past. It is traditional in its cruciform style, its semi-circular apse, its lantern,

and its high side walls built over the side aisles.

Sloping Floor
In order for the congregation to get an easy view of the main altar from any point in the church, there is an imperceptible sloping floor. The sanctuary extends into the nave to bring the altar closer to the people. The facade window, 13 feet wide and 30 feet high will be of multi-colored glass which will depict a religious theme. The scene is meant primarily to give glory to God as well as to bring devotion to the outside world and lend a religious atmosphere within and without the building, Rev. O'Gorman said.

Rose glass windows will give a predominantly rose color to the blond and buff interior with varying emphasis throughout the day, depending on the sun's position. This diffusion of light, a soft rose, will give devotional aid especially in the morning when the sun rays come through the lantern to cast a soft rose color around the altar. At the side aisles there are two shrines with special lighting to create a devotional atmosphere.

Lantern in Front
The baptistry is circular in plan, with a lantern centered over the font. The side walls of the baptistry have narrow slot windows from floor to ceiling. The cross of the tower will be 88 feet above the ground level, and will easily be seen from the highway and surrounding areas. The floors are of terrazzo with integrated designs of various colors.

For the convenience of mothers with small children, two mothers rooms have been planned which are sound proof. Special sound equipment will be provided so that the mothers may assist at mass in these rooms.

Four new class rooms for the overcrowded St. James Catholic School, under the direction of Sister Mary Fintan, C.S.J., will be constructed at the same time to complete the "look to the future" thinking which emanates from the priests and parishioners for 1958.



AHEAD OF SCHEDULE . . . Floor plans for the \$1,100,000, 50-bed Bay-Harbor Osteopathic Hospital to be built in Harbor City, have been approved four months in advance of schedule, Herbert C. Davis, right, chairman of the building committee reported. His report was given at a dinner honoring Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, honorary fund drive chairman for the project, who gave invaluable aid to speed the project. The hospital has now met all requirements of State and Federal officials through April of 1958, Davis said. Left to right in the picture are Dr. Chesley Houske and Dr. Donald Cortum of Torrance, Assemblyman Thomas and Davis.

Lutherans Plan Preach-Teach-Reach Mission

Ascension Lutheran Church, 18002 Prairie Ave., will join three other South Bay church groups in a preaching-teaching-reaching campaign during the

week of Jan. 26 to 31. Other participating churches include St. John's Lutheran, El Segundo; First Lutheran, Manhattan Beach, and Immanuel Lutheran, Redondo Beach, all affiliated with the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod.

Thirty representatives of the local congregations will attend training sessions for leaders on Jan. 16. The PTR has a twofold purpose—to stimulate stewardship of church members and to help growth of the local congregation through the missionary program. Kickoff for the extensive

mission project will be an inspirational service in the local church to be followed by a 3 p.m. service at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles, on Jan. 26. The Rev. Ralph Moellering of Chicago will deliver the afternoon sermon to an anticipated audience numbering several thousand.

Local activities will continue that evening when each of the participating congregations conducts an 8 p.m. service with a guest speaker, a specialist in mission activities from outside the Southern California area.

Nightly services will follow, with lay visitors meeting for dinner, making calls upon church prospects, and returning for the hour service on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

GOLD CONTENT

The sea contains from 5 to as much as 276 parts of gold per million parts of water, most of it impossible to reclaim.

Communion Rites Slated Rites Set

The sacrament of Communion will be observed next Sunday at First Presbyterian Church, 1842 Gardena Blvd., according to the pastor, the Rev. Truman M. Jolley.

The sermon will be on the theme "In Memory of Christ." The senior choir, directed by Florence Jolley, will sing "Let Thy Holy Presence" by Tchesnokoff and "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee," by Smith. Next Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m. the annual congregation and corporation meeting will be held to hear annual reports of all organizations. Mrs. Robert Parks has arranged the dinner.

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Dr. Barnum Will Discuss Religious Science Beliefs

Dr. Earl D. Barnum of the Church of Religious Science in Redondo Beach, will present his annual series of Sunday lectures which reiterate the meaning of Religious Science, its basic principles, and how they can be utilized in anyone's life.

This coming Sunday, Dr.

'God' Named Lesson Topic This Sunday

The first Lesson-Sermon of the new year in the Christian Science churches on Sunday will be on the subject, "God." The sermon will speak particularly of the aliveness, wonderfulness, tenderness, and glory of God and of God's loving care for His children. The Golden Text for the day is from Revelation (21:3), "Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God."

A passage taken from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, stressing the central theme says, "In divine Science, man is sustained by God, the divine Principle of being. The earth, at God's command, brings forth food for man's use. Knowing this, Jesus once said, 'Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink,—presuming not on the prerogative of his creator, but recognizing God, the Father and Mother of all, as able to feed and clothe man as He doth the lilies' (p. 530). In the same portion of the sermon is God's reassurance, from Jeremiah, "Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving-kindness have I drawn thee" (31:3).

Barnum will discuss, "Religious Science—What It Is." For newcomers this will be an excellent time to be introduced to the ideas of Religious Science and to learn "what it is," and for students of the philosophy it will be a wonderful time for review," stated one of the members of the congregation who has heard several of these January series.

The regular schedule of weekly events will resume during the coming week. Tuesday evening from 7:30 to 9:30, the accredited college course, in the classroom. This course is now in the fourth unit.

Inspiration Hour
Wednesday morning at 10:30 is Inspiration Hour, during which Dr. Barnum gives a short lecture, after which the audience is invited to ask questions and partake in discussion.

On Thursday afternoon at 2:30, Dr. Raymond Charles Barker, of the First Church of Religious Science, in New York, will speak. Dr. Barker's subject is, "The Secret of Successful Living." This is also the name of his newest book.

Unitarians to Study Future

Dr. Harry Shuder, minister of the Pacific Unitarian Church Society, 1610 Acacia Ave., will speak on "Can One Predict the Future?" next Sunday at 11.

"Will 1958 see a crash in American education and industry? What about a crash in politics, religion and recreation? What is the equation for tomorrow? Might not the coming year be the most vital since 1776?" are some of the questions he will discuss. Visitors are welcome.

WITNESSES ATTEND L.A. MEETING

Nearly 3000 delegates of Jehovah's Witnesses attended the lecture, "What Are the Prospects for Lasting Peace?," delivered by District Supervisor Bruce E. Griffin, at Washington High School Auditorium in Los Angeles yesterday, according to G. F. Dunham of the Torrance congregation.

Griffin stated, "Few living persons have escaped the effects of war and nearly all people yearn for peace. However, many are disheartened when peace efforts consisting of prayers, talks, leagues, and treaties fail to bring lasting peace. Some feel the only hope for peace is through war, yet results show this is not true. Prayers fail because men do not seek God's way, but want God to bless man's schemes."

The two-fold reason for man's failure," Griffin explained, "is his imperfection resulting from Adamic sin and invisible Satanic influence . . . God's kingdom is the only hope for lasting peace; it will end war and bring all the blessings the human family desires. Both Bible chronology and prophecy indicate that lasting peace will come in our generation."

Local presiding minister, G. F. Dunham, stated, "Mr. Griffin brought the subject 'down to earth' by pointing out steps every person desiring life can follow now: take stand for Jehovah, change life pattern, share knowledge, tell good news to others."

"This special three-day assembly will be followed up by an intensive Bible educational program at 1214 El Prado Ave., to assist the 88 persons baptized at this assembly and other newly interested persons."

BUDGET SET FOR VOTE ON SUNDAY

The Narbonne Ave. Southern Baptist Church of Lomita began their 1958 budget promotion last Sunday with a \$75,000 budget planned.

The 1958 budget will be a 33 per cent increase over the one for 1957. The budget was discussed at the Wednesday night service and will be voted on this Sunday morning.

The "young of heart" enjoyed a Watch night service at the church recreation building on New Year's Eve. The activity was directed by Jim Youree.

The pastor will speak at the 11 a.m. morning service on the subject, "Living for Christ."

The church has moved the nursery into the vacated parsonage to make room for a larger number of children. This will provide nearly twice as much space for these departments. It now includes a receptionist room and four rooms for various age groups. The nursery is open for children from birth through 3 years at all the services of the church.

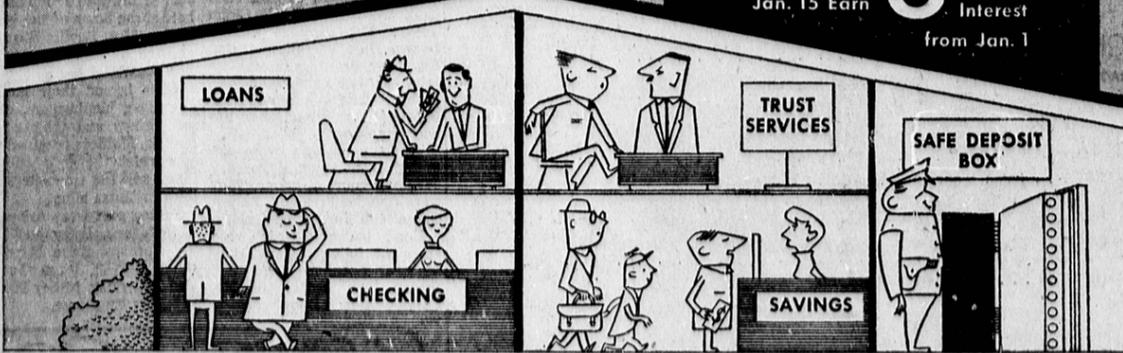
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